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# From the Top

Today we reach the final stages of the season with the 1st Leg of the Play-off games, the ultimate prize is a place in the Second Division following a Wembley appearance. It should all make for a great occasion and I sincerely hope for some fine entertainment from both teams but obviously the right results for Bury and our supporters. Whereas this is not a time to look back, I wonder how many of the teams in the Play-offs are thinking of those vital points lost to last minute goals conceded or disputed referee's decisions that have cost points that maybe could have secured an automatic place. My own thoughts are that over 46 games, luck and controversy even themselves out no matter how harsh they seem at the time.

The run-in was made harder for us in that we had not played particularly well,

up until last Saturday. Our effort was there but that spark was lacking in our forward play as a team. However, those of you who travelled to Tranmere last week saw one of our best displays of the season and I feel the score did not truly reflect the game. It was a memorable occasion and matched the atmosphere and thrills of our recent game at Burnden Park. Over the years, a strong bond has developed between ourselves and Bolton but the rivalry remains as intense as eyer.

I wish Phil Neal, Mick Brown, Players, Directors and Supporters well for the future but we must be determined that it is not at our expense over the next two games.

Enjoy the game.

MIKE WALSH

P.S. Gizmo, you have still not paid your fine for the booking before you left and for T.C. the away team dressing room is at the end of the corridor past the home team.



Bolton-born striker Kevin Hulme is caught offside on this occasion against Southend United.

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Congratulations must go to the new Third Division Champions Cambridge United. John Beck's men had many games in hand on their rivals due to their prolonged Cup involvements and made the most of them losing just once in their final eleven games. United's 2-0 victory over Swansea at the Abbey Stadium gave Cambridge the title by one point due to Southend's 1-0 home defeat by Brentford. The men on target for United were Claridge and Phillpott in front of the season's highest crowd of 9,023. Cambridge, not surprisingly were the section's top scorers with 75 League goals to their credit. The defeat for Swansea made it seven matches since the Welshmen tasted victory. The Swans in fact finished the season just four points and two places above the relegation positions. so expect a big turnover at the Vetch Field this summer as Frank Burrows seeks to improve fortunes down in South Wales

Southend's title aspirations were left in pieces at Roots Hall with the home defeat by play-off certainties Brentford, with Gayle scoring the only goal of the game. Even so the celebrations would undoubtedly have been in full swing down in Essex as they celebrate promotion for the second season running. It will be the first time ever that the Shrimpers have played in the Second Division in their history. Brentford meanwhile secured a play-off tie against Tranmere with the win at Roots Hall. The previous week Tranmere had inflicted a 2-0 home defeat on The Bees, so Rovers will no doubt have the physcological advantage over Brentford.

Up on the East coast, Grimsby's largest gate of the season turned up to see if their side could gain victory to make certain of promotion back to the Second Division. The 14,225 paying customers were not disappointed as a double strike from John Cockerill gave the Mariners a lead, which was only replied to once with a goal from Mark Cooper. Grimsby had the tightest defence in the Division leaking, 34 goals. Not quite Arsenal standards but good enough.

With one play-off place still available up to last week's final matches, it meant an interesting but tense 90 minutes for the four teams in with a hope of gaining the last play-off place.

Wigan needed really to take maximum points at Deepdale against Preston, which they looked possibly liked doing when Gary Powell gave them the lead. But a goal apiece from Ronnie Jepson and Graham Shaw made the result a home victory 2-1. Wigan had certainly done well to be in with a chance of the play-offs up until the final match after lurking in mid-table just after the turn of the year. Bryan Hamilton's young side maybe one to watch next season. Bournemouth were another team needing a positive result away at Shrewsbury to keep alive their own play-off hopes. The Cherries ended up losing 3-1, this after taking the lead through Paul Morrell, but three goals in the last 13 minutes by The Shrews condemning Bournemouth to another season in the same Division. For the record the Shrewsbury goals coming from Mick Heathcote (2) and Neil Lyne.

Bradford City were the final side still mathematically the only other side still harbouring play-off hopes as they entertained relegation haunted Rotherham. A Phill Babb goal was the only one of the match and was not the result both sides needed. City needing a resounding win and a Bury defeat, and Rotherham just a win. United were relegated to the Fourth Division with the defeat, despite a brave fight to stay in the Division, after being at the foot of the League the majority of the season.

The other two sides already relegated, Crewe and Mansfield met at Gresty Road with Alex gaining a comfortable 3-0 win with goals from Rob Edwards (2) and Craig Hignett. Mansfield finished at the bottom of the table mainly due to just one win from their last eleven matches. Crewe may now find it hard to hold on to some of the club's up and coming youngsters with the drop into the Fourth Division.

Reading's new boss Mark McGhee started off his managerial career in a winning style with a single goal win over Stoke City at Elm Park. McGhee joined the Elm Park club as Player/Manager a few days before the game from Newcastle United who had decided not to renew his contract. Trevor Senior, the man on target for his 15th goal of the season.

Speaking of managers, Stoke's 2,000 travelling fans at EIm Park apparently invaded the pitch at the final whistle calling for the appointment of locally-born Denis Smith as the successor to Alan Ball. Both Reading and Stoke have been the cause of much media coverage as to who would become their new managers.

In the other games, Birmingham beat Huddersfield 1-0 at Leeds Road with John Gayle scoring. City will meet Tranmere in the L.D.T. Final at Wembley next week backed by over 40,000 fans.

In a London derby, Fulham shared two goals with Leyton Orient, 17 year-old Onwere scoring his first senior goal from the penalty spot.

The newcomers to Division Three next season are: From Division Two — Hull and West Brom.

from Division Four — Darlington, Stockport, Peterborough, Hartlepool and one more from play-offs.



Midfield battle with Phil Parkinson and Southend's Butler.

# PETE 'VAL'

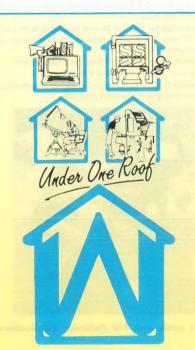
#### CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Twelve months on and here we are again with Bury and Bolton Wanderers both involved in the Play-Offs! Last year we avoided each other at this stage of course, but as we meet head on twice this week, at least it means that one of us will be in the Wembley Final on 1st June. After most people had written us off, it was good to reach the Play-Offs with a win last Saturday at Tranmere. It was a great all-round team performance and I always felt confident that we could do it, even when we went a goal behind. Tranmere played without a winger which gave Charlie Bishop a free role and he was really outstanding. This was something that we had worked on in training all week and it was good to see Charlie score our equaliser.



Thanks to all our fans for your support throughout the season. With the team in the Play-Offs for the second successive season it's just a pity that we can't attract more down to the ground but all the players think that the 3,000 or so supporters who do come along are fantastic. Our away support too has been terrific this season, completely out-shouting many teams home fans. Don't be afraid to get your vocal chords working today either!

It has been a long and difficult season with all the financial problems and changes that the club has encountered and it is to the players credit that Bury are in a Play-Off game at all this afternoon against the odds. We still have a job to do though and hopefully we can complete the task ahead of us and reach the Wembley Final.



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#### SHAUN DUNN

Named as substitute for last Saturday's crunch game at Tranmere Rovers was giant Geordie centre-half Shaun Dunn and his first team recognition came after the player has been switched in recent months into playing in an unfamiliar striking role, with some great success in the reserve side.

Shaun was born in North Shields on 19th January, 1971 and as a schoolboy, represented both North Tyneside Boys and Northumberland Boys, as well as playing for local boys club Marden. His first steps towards a career in professional football saw him sign on amateur forms for Northern League side North Shields whilst, soon after, he had trials with Heart of Midlothian.

It was Jack Chapman though, who eventually signed the youngster for Blackpool, taking him to Bloomfield Road in December, 1988, initially on a non-contract basis but he later signed professional forms. He played regularly in 'Pools Central League side but, after the sacking of manager Sam Ellis and the subsequent departure of Jack Chapman in June, 1989, to link up once again with Ellis at Bury, Shaun found himself not in consideration for a place in new manager Jimmy Mullen's first team plans.



As a result, Shaun opted to link up again with Jack Chapman at Gigg Lane and he signed on the dotted line in February 1990 with a contract which took him up until the end of that season. His time at Bury has, to date, been spent mainly in The Shakers successful Midland Senior League side, having been offered – and signing – a new one-year contract last summer. After playing centre-half since his schoolboy days, Shaun found himself converted into an emergency striker last January, scoring four goals in three games as he took maximum advantage of his 6 ft. 2 in. frame. Although back in his conventional role once again, he has reverted to his unfamiliar role in recent games and has again met with success.

His recognition for first team selection last Saturday demonstrates Manager Mike Walsh's philosophy that players will gain reward for successful performances at reserve level. Even if Shaun didn't get a run-out last Saturday, at least it gave him a taste of first team football. There will be many Bury fans reading this who will remember Paul Hilton being successfully converted from a striker to a centre-half, after performing miracles in an emergency role. Maybe Shaun can redress the balance.

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#### PERSONAL MEMORIES

This article has, for most of the season, looked back at matches that have been played on the particular day in vears past. May 19th has produced just one game and that was back in 1979 when we entertained Peterborough Utd. at Gigg Lane. Having won at Lincoln City ten days before, 4-1, we had avoided relegation to Division Four but United were already condemned when they arrived for this final fixture. It was a typical end of season game with the only goal being scored by our Player of the Season Danny Wilson. For this last article of the season I have therefore decided to be self-indulgent and open my mental scrapbook of over 20 years of coming to Gigg Lane. It is an article similar to those written by some supporters under the heading "Why I Support Bury".

My earliest games were in the late 1960's when my grandfather, who had been coming to Gigg Lane from before the First World War, brought me to see Bury as a five year-old. My memories of the opposition or details of specific games are non-existent but I do remember the occasion of a game and the journey, which seems odd. On match days we would always follow the same routine of driving to the game armed with our flask of coffee. Having parked the car in one of the streets off Gigg Lane we would pick up a bar of chocolate each from the local shop and walk to the ground picking up a programme from a seller outside the Social Club. My grandfather was a season-ticket holder in the B stand (pre-segregation days these) and so we headed for the ticket holders turnstile on the forecourt of Gigg Lane. He seemed to know all the turnstile operators and would gain me admission by handing over a couple of pieces of chocolate. I was then lifted over the turnstile and we would walk over the car park which at that time was not tarmaced as it is now. During the walk we would invariably buy a golden goal ticket. How many of you remember those? You had to rip along three perforated edges of the ticket to find your time for the first goal. When this first goal was scored two young lads were dispatched around the outside of the pitch with a huge board which would give the winning time in minutes and seconds. The prize was about £25 I think. To finally gain entry to the B stand, season ticket holders would knock on the large wooden door to be let in. It cost my grandfather another piece of chocolate to another friend and I was also in!!



From these beginnings I was hooked even though we dropped into the Fourth Division for the first time. Into the 1970's and I begin to remember specific games, players and incidents, such as our 4-0 drubbing of Torquay United on the opening day of our promotion campaign in 1973-74. My next door neighbour at home in Cheadle was a Northampton Town supporter so it gave me great pleasure when we pipped them for the final promotion place at the end of the season. Bobby Smith was our Manager at the time and there seemed to be nothing but success under his leadership. Having won promotion at his first attempt he consolidated our position in Division Three in 1974-75 and gave us hope of further promotion in the following two years. Support had also increased and this was helped by a number of memorable Cup runs.



John Forrest

We reached the F.A. Cup 4th round in both 1974-75 and 75-76 (helped by our classic game against Middlesbrough). In the League Cup we ran the mighty Leeds a close game losing 2-1 at Gigg Lane in October 1974. The season 1977-78 started full of optimism with us having finished eighth the previous season. Too many early draws prevented a promotion push although we had fought our way to a League Cup round tie against West Brom, when the club took what I still consider to be a bad decision and sacked Bobby Smith and replaced him with Bob Stokoe. It was Stokoe who took all the glory of our win over West Brom and the Quarter-Final against Nottingham Forest. The West Brom win was particularly good when you consider the good players they had at the time and their standing in the First Division (they were third at the time). One of our stars that night was John Forrest and when in 1980 he retired it seemed strange to me to see the team without him. Throughout the years I had been watching he had been a constant feature. Although I'd never spoken to him it was like losing a friend.

Since those days of course we have suffered relegation in 1979-80 and then promotion in 1934-35 under Martin Dobson. Many supporters in these articles have picked out games which stick in the memory and I am going to be no different. As always cup-ties linger longer than most and high on my list must be our wins over First Division West Brom and QPR together with the magnificent display at Watford in 1985-86 when John Bramall gave us a late equaliser after we had trailed for so long to a John Barnes' goal. We have also seen great displays at Anfield when losing 2-0 in our relegation season of 1979-80 and taking the lead at Old Trafford against United and scaring the life out of them before losing unluckily 2-1. For raw excitement though you could not match the 5-3 (6-5 on aggregate) win over Burnley in the League Cup in 1986-87 when Craig Madden prevented extra-time with a goal in the last minute. There have been some moments as well when you wonder is it all worthwhile such as losing promotion in the final game against Wimbledon in 1982-83. Another I particularly remember was boarding a coach in London at ten o'clock at night knowing I had a four hour journey home and we had just been beaten 10-0 by West Ham! At least I can smile about it now.

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#### QUESTIONS

- 1. Which three teams have Bolton beaten in this season's F.A. Cup?
- 2. For how much did Bolton pay Bury for Mark Patterson during this season?
- 3. What have been Bolton's heaviest League defeats this season?
- 4. Can you name the season that Bolton were last in the Second Division, and the same for Bury?
- 5. Can you name the six clubs who have been promoted/relegated to Division Three this season?
- 6. Can you name the only team who failed to score against Bury this season?
- 7. Which were the only team to concede a hundred goals this season?
- 8. In what season were Stockport last promoted to Division Three?
- 9. In what year did Joe Royle take over as Manager of Oldham Ahtletic?
- 10. Can you name the four teams involved in the Division Two Play-offs?
- 11. Who finished as top scorers in the Barclays League with 84 goals?
- 12. In what season were West Ham last relegated to Division Two?
- 13. True or false. Tottenham made their ninth appearance in an F.A. Cup Final yesterday.
- 14. Which team did Liverpool beat 6-1 on the last game of last season after they became Champions?
- 15. Who were Scottish Division One Champions?

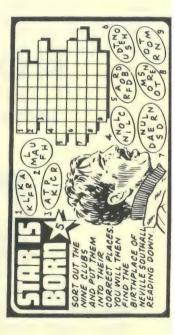
PICTURE QUIZ: Two lesser-known Shakers this week. Can you name them?. Clue: They're both keepers!





WHO'S GROUND?





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# Who? What? Where?

#### DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE — AVERAGE ATTENDANCES AND TOP SCORERS

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#### RESERVES

#### "CHAMPIONS"

Bury Reserves lifted the Midland Senior League Championship on Monday afternoon - even before they kicked off in their final fixture against Rochdale Reserves at Gigg Lane. The Shakers and Nottingham Forest were neck and neck for honours but Forest have slipped up somewhat of late and Bury have taken full advantage to take the title in only their second season competing in this league.

The Shakers grabbed the honours with 74 points from their 34 games, whilst Notts eventually had to settle with 70 points. Unfortunately we do not have a final League Table to reproduce - but Congratulations Lads! Amazingly Bury were founder members of the Central League back in June, 1911 - and they retained continuous membership for the next 72 years, until the Reserve side was disbanded as an economy measure back in 1983 but, in all that time, Bury failed to land the title - fourth being their best showing.

All along this season it has been maintained by the club's management that the most important function of the Reserve side is to blood youngsters and give first team squad members competitive games - but, even so, it's great to win a Championship at any level. Well done lads!

#### **MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE FIXTURES 1990-91**

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31 Shrewsbury 4-3 Wilkinson, Emmett, Price, Hulme.

NOV 7 Lincoln 2-0 Hulme, Hughes. 14 B'm'h'm Cup 0-3 19 Notts Forest 1-2 Feeley. 28 Birm'ham 1-0 Hulme. DEC 6 Doncaster 5-1 Gayle 2, Hulme 2, Emmett.

Darlington 2-0 Hulme, McGinlay. 19 Hartlepool 0-4

**JAN 30** Chesterfld 2-0 Dunn, Bennett. FEB 4 Walsall 3-2 Dunn (2), Bennett. 20 Wrexham 2-0 Dunn, Bennett.

27 3-0 Bennett, Bradley, Emmett Halifax MAR 4 Stockport 2-2 Emmett, Gayle

**Tranmere** 2-1 Atkin, McGinlay 11 North'ton 5-0 Hulme 2, Emmett 2, Kent 18 Lincoln

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22 Chesterfld 3-1 Sheron 2, Emmett Doncaster 2-2 Sheron, Gayle 29 Walsall 2-2 Atkin, Dunn

MAY 1 Peterboro' 1-3 Sheron 8 Hartlepool 2-1 Emmett, Riding

10 Carlisle 1-3 Price Rochdale 13 1-0 Dunn

Wednesday, 1st May, 1991 PETERBOROUGH UTD. RES. 3 v. BURY RES. 1 Midland Senior League

The Shakers had the chances to win this game but failed to make the most of their chances - Mike Sheron's strike being the only reward. It was defeat number five of the season and Peterborough joined Nottingham Forest in being the only teams to complete a "double" over Bury. Team: Pollitt, Anderson, Feeley, McGuinness, Atkin, Greenhalgh, Emmett, Bennett, Sheron, Price, Warden. Subs: Kent. Goodwin.

Wednesday, 8th May, 1991 BURY RESERVES 2 v. HARTLEPOOL RESERVES 1 Midland Senior League

Bury edged clear at the top with this win over Hartlepool, with all the goals coming in the second half. The first goal came after 52 minutes, when Emmett scored after Dunn intercepted a throw-out by the keeper. Four minutes later, Southall equalised with a superb 20-yard shot but Bury swung the game their way after 72 minutes, when Riding headed home Simms' left-wing cross perfectly at the far post.

Team: Pollitt, Anderson, Simms, Bradley, Atkin, Greenhalgh, Riding, Price, Dunn, Emmett, Bennett. Subs: Kent, Gayle.

Friday, May 10th, 1991 CARLISLE UTD. RESERVÉS 3 v. BURY RESERVES 1 Midland Senior League

A victory would have clinched the title for Bury but the iitters set in as Carlisle scored a comfortable victory despite Gareth Price reducing the deficit to 2-1 midway through the game.

Team: Pollitt, Anderson, Simms, Mauge, Atkin, Greenhalgh, Bennett, Price, Dunn, Bradley, Emmett. Subs: Kent, Gayle.

Monday, 13th May, 1991 **BURY RESERVES 1 v. ROCHDALE RESERVES 0** Midland Senior League

It took an 89th minute goal to beat bottom of the table Rochdale but the win gave Bury the Midland Senior League title by four clear points!

Team: Pollitt, Anderson, Simms, Mauge, Atkin, Greenhalgh, Bradley, Feeley, Dunn, Bennett, Price. Subs: Kent, Emmett.

#### **GENERALLY**

The play-offs! I love 'em!!! For the second successive season we find ourselves contesting that final promotion spot, and all hinges on the possible final three games. There are people in the game who are opposed to this way of determining promotion, but I feel they mark the best change to the rules for many a year. Just think how many teams, and their supporters, maintain an interest in the season almost to the death. Before their introduction, the passing of March marked the end of a long and meaningful campaign for around half the sides. No longer. As for the argument that it is unfair on the highest placed side in the play-off group — in this case our friends from just down the road in Bolton — again I would disagree. At the start of the season every club knows exactly what is required to go up. Failing to attain an automatic promotion place, you aim for the safety net positions on the basis that the higher up you are in those, the better the chance, in theory of clinching it. The atmosphere here today, and at Burnden in midweek, will be electric. The opportunity for many players to achieve a life-long ambition of playing at Wembley in the Finals must be confirmation in itself that the idea is a good one. And if for no other reason, at least the play-offs shorten the dreaded close-season by a couple of weeksl

As usual the last "normal" Saturday of the League season was full of excitement and frustration, but surely nowhere more so than at Boundary Park. Adopted by many neutrals as their favoured team over the last couple of years, the relative disappointment of finishing third must have seemed the realistic prospect with half-an-hour left of their final match with Sheffield Wednesday last week. Then despite a goal being pulled back to leave the scores at 1-2, with just five minutes remaining, and hearing that the title favourites West Ham were losing to in-form Notts County, thus paving the way open for a victorious Latics to clinch the Championship, the frustration must have been hard to accept. Then a late equaliser. Hope! Well at least they'd move above Sheffield Wednesday into second place, with the usual inquests of "if only...", and "do you remember.?". Confirmation that West Ham had lost. Blast! But wait, a penalty in injury time! The nerves! The nailbiting. The cries of "I can't look!". Then the screech that confirmed the goal and the Championship! Within five minutes Latics' season had ended with them moving up from third spot to the top. What a wonderful game football is! In the Third Division, history was re-written when Grimsby held their nerves to see off Exeter and prevent the Wanderers from clinching the third promotion spot. They joined Southend and Champions Cambridge in becoming the first trio of clubs ever to have gained promotion on two successive occasions.

Added to that we must congratulate Darlington whose end of seasons over the past three years have varied enormously. Firstly they were hammered at Scunthorpe to confirm their expulsion from the Football League, then last year a single goal at Welling clinched their return at the first attempt, and now they also do the double, by winning the Fourth Division title to enable them to move up to the, for them, considerable heights of Division Three. Joining them to at least offer some consolation for the Sunderland-doomed North East is Hartlepool after donkey's years in obscurity. Same goes for Stockport — 21 years in Division Four, and now on the way up. Well done to them.

As for today, I suppose we must use the old cliche "May the best team win". It will be hard, with no quarters asked or given. As for ourselves, in many ways we are just glad to be here. Considering the much publicised traumas, a minor miracle has happened. Whether that miracle can be made into a major one is a fascinating thought.

Whatever happens, I still hate the close-season . . . roll on August!

TONY CUNNINGHAM (No! Not that one!!)

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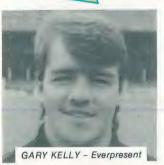


Bury old boy Peter Butler might have celebrated promotion with Southend at Gigg Lane a few weeks back, but he came off second best in both these attempted tackles on David Lee.



# Rollcall 1990/91

\* = No longer at the club



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	1990/1 LEAGUE LEAGUE CAR			REER		
	App	(sub)	Goals	App	(sub)	Goals
PAUL ATKIN	8	(3)	_	14	(7)	1
CHARLIE BISHOP	24	(4)	2	103	(10)	6
PAT BRADLEY	_	(1)	_	_	(1)	_
*TONY CUNNINGHAM	30	(3)	9	362	(31)	92
ANDY FEELEY	20	(6)	_	228	(22)	5
COLIN GREENALL	29	(2)	_	340	(6)	15
* ANDY HILL	12		_	273	(24)	- 11
KEVIN HULME	17	(8)	7	34	(18)	8
MARK KEARNEY	22	_	1	250	(2)	30
GARY KELLY	46	_	_	144	_	_
ALAN KNILL	19	(1)	1	271	(1)	11
DAVID LEE	45	_	15	203	(5)	34
RONNIE MAUGE	27	(3)	6	74	(6)	8
*JOHN McGINLAY	16	(9)	9	74	(11)	36
PHIL PARKINSON	44	_	2	109	(5)	5
* MARK PATTERSON	22	_	6	205	(13)	41
GARETH PRICE	1	(2)	_	1	(2)	_
LIAM ROBINSON	41	(2)	4	219	(15)	81
MIKE SHERON	1	(4)	1	1	(4)	1
ROGER STANISLAUS	40	(4)	2	183	(7)	6
PETER VALENTINE	42	_	2	328	(15)	12
* CHRIS WITHE	_	(1)	_	244	(13)	6





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# On the Road

Wednesday, 22nd May 1991 BOLTON WANDERERS v. BURY

Play-Off (Second Leg) Coaches depart: 6.15 p.m.

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So, it's off to Burnden Park once again! It seems as though events are destined to throw Bury and Bolton together these days. Whether it's being a couple of points adrift of each other all season in the League, the transfer of Bury's captain and left winger to Burnden or the constant 'Indian Sign' which Bury have held over Wanderers in League matters over recent seasons.

The Play-off tie is a cup game in effect (and no doubt in atmosphere at the grounds) and it should be a cracking occasion next Wednesday as a crowd of around the 20,000 mark looks a certainty at Burnden. If only Gigg could hold its proper capacity! Wembley and possibly Division Two will certainly bring them out in droves.

We're not bothering with the usual road routes for this one. (just go along Bolton Road and turne left when you can't go any further!) Shakers' fans should enter the ground at the Embankment End (mainly uncovered) where admission prices are set at £4.50. Stand seats in the Burnden Stand (segregated) are priced at £6.50.



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#### v. TRANMERE ROVERS

It was in hope rather than expectation we travelled over to

Prenton Park for the last scheduled League fixture of the season. Rovers were already assured of at least a play-off place but it was still possible for them to gain automatic promotion, if results went their way.

A couple of changes were made by Mike Walsh, as The Shakers looked for the win which would secure a play-off position.

The match started in the worst possible way for Bury, conceding a goal after just six minutes, when Cooper climbed above the defence to nod Tranmere into an early lead. The task was now much more difficult, as the home side sought to increase their lead.

Bury men got back into the match with a superb strike from Charlie Bishop, just after the half-hour mark, shooting past Nixon from outside the penalty area. This brought great delight to the travelling fans, who gave the players plenty of vocal encouragement. The remainder of the opening half was end-to-end stuff, as both sides created chances. When the whistle blew at half time, the Bury players were applauded off the nitch.

The second period was only six minutes old when a ball fell at the feet of Mike Sheron, 20 yards out and the Manchester City striker made no mistake as he slotted the ball into an unguarded net. This brought great scenes of delight from both players and fans alike, as Bury took a deserved lead. From then on the game switched from end to end, as Rovers attempted to get onto level terms, although it was The Shakers who looked the more likely to add to their tally.

The referee then decided to take the shine out of the game, with the sending off of Bury's Phil Parkinson only minutes from time, for a rash challenge.

This, though, cannot detract from an excellent team performance, in which every player did his bit to gain Bury a play-off place and were fully deserving of the fans appreciation at the final whistle.

#### \* \* STAR MAN - LIAM ROBINSON \* \*

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View from Away Terrace: 7. Referee: 6.

Ground: 7. Match: 8.

#### v. SOUTHEND UNITED

"Wild celebrations reflected the realisation of a promotion dream at Gigg Lane on Saturday...
Unfortunately, it was not Bury's party. While Southend's players joyously hugged each other on the pitch and their 1,000 travelling fans danced on the terraces, grim faces in The Shaker's dressing-room told a far different

**Bolton Evening News** 

"The winner came in the 82nd minute. Colin Greenall's attempted clearance was intercepted by Ansah and his cross from the right found Benjamin with his back to goal and Stanislaus right behind him. The midfielder produced the neatest of swivels to tuck the ball neatly into Kelly's bottom right-hand corner and propel his side into the Second Division."

**Bury Times** 

#### v. TRANMERE ROVERS

"Mike Sheron became an instant hero with his first goal for Bury, that sets up The Shakers for a play-off place. With a mountain to climb after Steve Cooper's header had put Rovers ahead, Bury did

an Edmund Hilary, stunning the large Prenton Park crowd, hoping for a promotion party."

Pink Final

"Bury's richly-deserved equaliser came after battling Kevin Hulme won the ball from Tranmere's defenders, who were slow to Clear. He passed back neatly to fullback Charlie Bishop, who cut inside before unleashing a spectacular 25-yard piledriver which may have taken s slight deflection before flying pas the outstretched arms of the home side's keeper, Eric Nixon."

Pink Final

"The 1,000-strong Bury supporters went wild when The Shakers took a deserved lead after outplaying Rovers. Again it was Hulme's battling qualities that led to the opening. He lought hard and, after Nixon botched a clearance, Sheron kept his cool to slot home through a congested penalty area into an open net from 20 yards out."

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noon's game — and what a night is in store for these two local rivals! A crowd of 20,000 must surely be a good possibility as the winners look forward to a Wembley Final and a very good chance of obtaining Second Division football next season. Never have the stakes in a Bury — Bolton derby game been higher!

Let's hope that both matches pass without any signs of crowd trouble. There haven't really been too many problems in recent years and we confidently look forward to no change this time around.

Bolton have won fourteen of their League games at Burnden Park this season whilst securing their final placing of fourth, so we have a very tough game in store whatever the result today.

Get over there and cheer the Shakers on. We might have fewer supporters and more financial problems than many of our Third Division rivals — but our players have proved more than a match for most people this season and seem to enjoy overcoming adversity. See you there!

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# Around the Ground





Congratulations to striker Mike Sheron, who marked his full league debut with the matchwinning goal last Saturday against Tranmere Rovers. It certainly was an exciting game for the large Bury following and the lads turned in an outstanding all-round team performance.

\*For the statisticians amongst you, there were 999 Southend United fans present at our last home game whilst 1,037 Shakers' fans followed the team over to the Wirral last Saturday.

★The date of the Play-off final was unknown when we chose May 30th for our Player of the Season presentation evening. It will now, of course, have to be put 'on ice' until our tie against Bolton has been decided. Watch the local press for an announcement.

\*A few Bury old-boys have been in the news recently. Neville Southall is due to have a Testimonial after ten years loyal service at Everton. Is it really ten years since he moved to Goodison Park in that £150,000 transfer? Blimey! Paul Hilton who was recently forced to retire from the game at the age of 31 was granted a testimonial by West Ham United, where he has been for the past seven or so years. And finally, former Shakers' golden boy Craig Madden has recently taken over duties as Blackpool F.C.'s Football In the Community Officer. It's good to see him still involved in the game and he's still playing too, for non-League Fleetwood.

\*With all the ups and downs in the Football League decided, barring the Play-off places, it was good to see 'local' club Stockport County return to Division Three after an absence of 21 years. Imagine that — twenty-one consecutive years in Division Four. When Jim lley was boss at Bury it seemed like we spent 24 years in Division Four but was actually only four years! Hartlepool United too. They've been in the Fourth since 1969 continuously and so deserve their success. One to set you thinking — which club now in Division Four holds the dubious distinction of the longest continuous membership? Work it out for yourself. We hope Stockport (and West Brom., who are in Division Three for the first time ever) will understand when we say we hope we won't be staging games against them next year!

# BURY

After being omitted from Sam Ellis' starting line-up twelve months ago in Bury's 2-0 defeat at Prenton Park for the Play-off game, it was indeed sweet revenge for **Charlie Bishop** last Saturday as he enjoyed one of his best ever games for the club. The full-back has been at Gigg Lane for four seasons now and has clocked up over 100 League appearances.



### TODAY'S MASCOT is: PHILIP HEYS

aged 11

Aggregate League attendances at Gigg Lane 90/91 . 82,152
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#### COMING UP

Wednesday, 22nd May 1991 BOLTON WANDERERS

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BURY

Barclays League Division Three Play-off (Second Leg) Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



It has been widely publicised recently that Wilf McGuinness will no longer be involved on the footballing side of things at Gigg Lane next season — after 38 years continuous service to the game. Having just completed his testimonial year last weekend with a successful Gala Dinner at the Piccadilly Hotel, it is expected that he will continue his involvement with the Shakers in some capacity in the Commercial Department.

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# Welcome to Gigg Lane

#### WELCOME TO BOLTON WANDERERS

This afternoon we welcome near neighbours Bolton Wanderers to Gigg Lane for this vital Play-off game, 1st Leg. Bolton are no strangers to Gigg Lane but their last victory in a League game stretches back to 1928/29 season in a First Division fixture!

Their last five visits have seen Wanderers score just three times, two of which were in the 2-2 draw back on the 13th October 1990. Both Bolton and ourselves were involved in the Play-offs last year and as you know both fell at his very same hurdle twelve months ago. Well, that's going to change this time around with one of

the teams contesting the Final at Wembley in early June.

Bolton visit Gigg Lane today, very much the form side of the Division, with five wins from their last six League games. In fact, Phil Neal's men were in with a shout for one of the automatic promotion spots before last week's game against Chester, but with Grimsby beating Exeter City it condemned Bolton to endure the Playoffs again. Bolton have won ten away games this term, at tough places such as Orient, Grimsby, Birmingham

and Reading. So away from home Bolton are certainly a team to be reckoned with.

Leading the goalscoring charts again this season is popular striker Tony Philliskirk with 26 League and Cup goals of which 19 have come in League matches. The partnership of the previous one and a half seasons with David Reeves has been broken with the deadline day signing of our ex-Captain Tony Cunningham. T.C. has repaid the £70,000 fee with four vital goals in his nine games to date for The Trotters. Another familiar face who may be playing against his former team-mates today is the equally popular Mark Patterson who moved to Burnden in a bargain £65,000 move four months ago. Although Patterson has been struggling with a pelvic strain which has limited his appearances on the left flank of the Bolton midfield.

All Bury fans will be only too aware of what both these players are capable of doing. Phil Neal has assembled a fine squad together and has had money available to reinforce as and when he needed to. Players such as Philliskirk, Winstanley, Darby and Brown have all been attracting interest from higher Division clubs at some time. The two games between Bury and Bolton this term have both been superb football games. Let's hope the

next two are just as entertaining.



**Back Row:** Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage (retired through injury).

Middle Row: Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (Coach).

Front Row: Ewan Simpson (Physio), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach).



# Introducing

#### BOLTON WANDERERS' LEAGUE RESULTS 1990/91

_				
	Opposition Gro	und	Res.	Scorers Attendance
	90 AUGUST			Storer 4.608
25	Shrawsbury	. A	1-0	Storer 4.506
	PTEMBER			7.031
1	Bradford	. H	0-1	
15	Crewe Alexandra			Philliskirk, Green, Darby 4,933
18	Preston			Darby 5,844
22	Brentford			Green, Reeves 5.077
28	Wigan			Philliskirk (penalty) 4,136
	TOBER		1-6	Timilakiik (penaity) 4,100
2	Mansfield		1-1	Reeves 3,631
6	Stoke City		0-1	
13	Bury		2-2	Thompson, Philliskirk (penalty) . 5,634
20	Levton Orient			Storer 4.121
23	Rotherham		0.0	
27	Swansea		1-0	Philliskirk 4.158
NC	VEMBER			
3	Chester City	. A	2-0	Reeves, Philliskirk 2,553
10	Reading		3-1	Thompson (2, 1 pen.), Reeves 4,648
24	Grimsby		1-0	Green 6,240
DE	CEMBER			
1	Tranmere	. н	2-1	Green, Philliskirk 6,941
15	Fulham	. A	1-0	Philliskirk 3,466
22	Cambridge Utd		2-2	Storer, Thompson 5,800
26	Southend United .	. A	1-1	Green 7,539
29	Birmingham	. A	3-1	Philliskirk, Darby, Reeves 7,318
19	91 JANUARY			
1	Bournemouth	. н	4-1	Darby, Comstive (2), Philliskirk (pen) 7,639
12	Bradford	. A	1-1	Philliskirk 8,764
19	Shrewsbury	. Н	1-0	Thompson 6,164
FE	BRUARY			
2	Preston N.E	. A	2-1	Philliskirk (2, 1 pen) 9,884
5	Brentford		1-0	Evans (o.g.) 6,731
9	Huddersfield			Philliskirk 7,947
13	Exeter			Reeves 5,532
16	Grimsby Town		0-0	
23	Reading	. A	1-0	Cowdrill 5,997
	ARCH			
1	Tranmere			Patterson 10,076
9	Fulham			Philliskirk (2), Patterson 7,316
12	Mansfield			
16	Wigan			Reaves, Darby 7,812
19	Bury			Green
23	Stoke City			Darby, Storer
26	Exeter			Reeves
30	Southend	. п	1-0	Darby 10,666
	RIL		1.0	Dhilliablet 7.750
7	Cambridge			Philliskirk
13	Birmingham Bournemouth		0-1	Philliskirk, Dardy, Cunningnam 11,280
16	Crews Alex			Philliskirk (2, 1 penalty), Reeves 4,419
20	Levton Orient		1,0	Reeves
27	Rotherham			Cunningham (2) 8.045
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4		A	2.1	Darby, Storer 4,713
11	Chester City			Cunningham 12,826
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#### PHIL NEAL

Phil Neal's playing career began with a six year spell in Division Four with Northampton Town making 186 apps and scoring 26 goals. A £65,000 transfer to Liverpool in November 1974 catapulted him into the big time though and he missed just one League game in a ten year spell at Anfield, gaining the reputation as a November 1974.



Numerous awards followed including European Cup winners medals, League Championship as Player-manager in December 1985 but hunghis two years go and a Sherpa Van Trophy success at trophies to date.



Tony Cunningham, wearing Bury colours, causes more than a problem for Phil Brown back in October. He'll be in action in Bolton colours today of course.

#### **BOLTON WANDERERS' LEAGUE APPEARANCES 1990/91**

46: Felgate. 45: Brown, Darby, Thompson. 43: Philliskirk. 36: Reeves. 35: Cowdrill. 33: Green. 32: Winstanley, Seagraves. 30: Storer. 18: Patterson. 16: Stubbs. 13: Burke. 12: Comstive. 9: Cunningham. 8: Came. 4: Lee. 2: Crombie. 1: Henshaw, Stevens.

#### GOALSCORERS 1990/91

(League only - Total 64)

19: Philliskirk. 10: Reeves. 9: Darby. 6: Green. 5: Thompson, Storer. 4: Cunningham. 2: Comstive, Patterson. 1:Cowdrill, Own goal.

#### **BOLTON PLAYING STAFF 1990-91**

					Care	er .	
Player		Pos.	Age	Birthplace	Apps.	Gls	Former Clubs
PHIL BROWN		D	31	South Shields	489	32	Hartlepool, Halifax.
DAVID BURKE		D	30	Liverpool	352	4	Bolton, Huddersfield, C. Palace.
MARK CAME		D	30	Exeter	173	7	Winsford United
PAUL COMSTI	VE	M	29	Southport	243	32	Blackburn, Wigan, Wrexham, Burnley.
BARRY COWD	RILL	D	34	Birmingham	215	4	West Brom., Rotherham (loan).
TONY CUNNIN	GHAM	F	33	Jamaica	393	92	Lincoln, Barnsley, Sheff. W., Man. C.,
							Newcastle, Blackpool, Bury.
JULIAN DARBY	<b>/</b>	M	23	Bolton	200	26	Ex YTS.
DAVID FELGAT	TE -	G	31	Ffestiniog	500	-	Bolton, Lincoln, Grimsby.
SCOTT GREEN		F	21	Walsail	38	8	Derby County.
GARY HENSHA	W	M	26	Leeds	125	13	Grimsby, Rochdale (loan).
MARK PATTER	SON	M	25	Darwen	218	41	Blackburn, Preston, Bury.
TONY PHILLISH	KIRK	F	26	Sunderland	198	65	Sheff. United, Oldham, Preston.
DAVID REEVES	S	F	23	Birkenhead	120	37	Sheff. W., Scunthorpe (loan), Burnley (loan).
MARK SEAGR	AVES	D	24	Bootle	79	-	Liverpool, Norwich (loan), Man. C.
IAN STEVENS		F	24	Malta	56	9	Preston, Stockport, Lancaster City.
STUART STOR	ER	F	24	Harborough	128	12	Mansfield, Birmingham, Everton, Wigan
							(loan).
ALAN STUBBS		D	18	Liverpool	16	-	Ex YTS.
STEVE THOMP	SON	M	26	Sheffield	333	50	Ex YTS.
MARK WINSTA	ANLEY	D	23	St. Helens	143	2	Ex YTS.

#### **BURY'S LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST WANDERERS**

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	28	14	8	6	46	38
AWAY	28	10	4	14	45	50
TOTAL	56	24	12	20	91	88

#### LAST TIME

Saturday, 13th October, 1990

BURY 2 (Patterson, Knill).

Kelly, Hill, Stanislaus, Mauge, Valentine, Knill, Lee, Parkinson, Cunningham, McGinlay, Patterson. Subs: Robinson, Feeley.

BOLTON WANDERERS 2 (Thompson, Philliskirk pen), Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Green, Storer, Winstanley, Lee, Thompson, Stevens, Philliskirk, Darby. Subs: Stubb, Reeves.

Att: 5,634.

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#### SHAKERS DIARY - APRIL 1991

April 1st – Bury rise to fifth position after a 2-1 home win against fellow play-off rivals Huddersfield Town. In a game which seen Peter Valentine take over as skipper, following Cunningham's departure, Kevin Hulme and Roger Stanislaus (87 minutes!) are the scorers, as Bury ignore the dealine departures. Teenager Pat Bradley makes his debut as a second half substitute.

April 3rd - Chairman Terry Robinson throws up the idea of Friday night football at Gigg Lane. "It's just a thought at this stage but we have to look to ways of increasing our revenue," he commented.

**April 5th** - Alan Knill is still out of action through a back injury but Walsh adds loan man Mike Sheron and Pat Bradley to the squad which travels to Preston North End.

April 6th - A 65th minute equaliser from Kevin Hulme earns a point in a 1-1 draw at Deepdale against Preston. "At the end, I suppose I'm disappointed because we had the chances to win the game," commented Mike Walsh. It's seven goals in 11 games now for Hulme. Mike Sheron makes his League debut as substitute.

**April 7th** - Phil Parkinson's booking at Preston means that he now misses Bury's away game at Reading through a one-match suspension.

**April 9th** – In perhaps the most exciting match of the season, Peter Valentine and David Lee (2) score in Bury's 3-2 success over leaders Grimsby Town at Gigg Lane. One of the the visitors goals comes from a ridiculous penalty decision

April 10th - Mike Sheron scores twice as the Reserves beat Shrewsbury Town 3-1 at Gigg Lane.

**April 11th** - Plans are unveiled for a new membership scheme for Bury Football Club, as the attempts to overcome mounting debts continues.

**April 12th** - "There is no chance of Bury Football Club going out of existence," assures Chairman Terry Robinson, to kill off speculation over the club's future. Kevin Hulme is doubtful for tomorrow's home game against Bradford city. Mike Sheron is on stand-by to make his full debut.

**April 13th** – Bradford City survive two strong penalty appeals, to grab a 0-0 draw at Gigg Lane but, even so, Bury are still fourth in Division Three, one point behind Bolton.

April 15th - A shock 3-0 home defeat for the Reserves at the hands of Peterborough United.

**April 17th** – Club officials report a healthy response in the initial stages of launching the Membership Scheme. The Reserves bounce back with a 5-0 win against Darlington.

**April 19th** – Mike Walsh adds Feeley, Atkin and Hughes to the squad which travels to Reading – all possible replacements for the suspended Phil Parkinson. Reading ominously sacked their manager, lan Porterfield yesterday, after eight games without a win!

**April 20th** – A 1-0 defeat at Reading is a shock but it is only Bury's third defeat in 18 games and Mike Walsh is not panicking. Reading had Linden Jones sent off after 77 minutes, for a rash challenge on Ronnie Mauge, but Bury couldn't capitalise after Maskell had scored for the home side.

**April 22nd** – Mike Sheron makes it six goals in four Reserve games as he scores twice in the Reserves 3-1 away win at Chesterfield. Parkinson plays for match practice.

April 23rd - Peter Valentine is under treatment for a calf injury, picked up in the defeat at Reading.

April 26th - Captain Peter Valentine will be given a fitness test before kick-off tomorrow morning.

**April 27th** – Liam Robinson scores "the goal of the season" to give Bury a 1-0 lead against Fulham but Ronnie Mauge misses a golden chance against his former club and the Londoners grab an equaliser. The play-offs look to be slipping away!

**April 29th** – Two points from a possible nine, but Walsh refuses to panic and prefers to remain positive. Peter Valentine is in the treatment room after sustaining a facial injury against Fulham. "At least he doesn't have to worry about his good looks, because he hasn't got any to start with," guipped the Bury manager.

**April 30th** – Public reaction to the police decision to prevent members entry into the Milliken Membership Paddock, surfaces in the local press. "Imagine the carnage which could be caused by 50 people entering the South Paddock at walking pace", one such letter accurately stated!

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Port Vale	42	13		17	50	66	38	
Hull	42	10		15	46	51	37	
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Fulham	42	10		18	45	56	34	
Nelson	42	10		19	40	74	33	
Bristol C.	42	7	15	20	32	65	29	

- ★ Manager James Thomson began the season with 35 professionals and 20 amateurs. Average earnings £6.00 per week.
- \* After six games Bury were top of the division, having completed the double over Manchester United and having dropped just two points.
- \* A slump set in but five defeats followed in the closing 26 fixtures and Bury were on course back into Division One.
- \* A 5-0 home win against Coventry in the final fixture saw Bury looking good for promotion but third-placed Derby still had a game to play at home to Leicester. A 5-0 or 7-1 win for Derby would see them pip Bury for promotion.
- \* On the day of decision, Bury played a friendly at Lancaster but 400 Bury fans travelled to Derby and a 6,765 Reserve Team crowd assembled at Gigg. With 20 minutes remaining, Derby led 4-0! Unable to get a fifth goal though, Bury were promoted by 0,002 of a goal on goal average.
- ★ England International John Ball led the scoring with 15 goals. Bury missed five penalties during the season. Crowds averaged 12,994 but, despite making a profit of £1,191 on the season, the club still had debts of over £4,000.

 Best Four League Results

 8th Dec.
 Bury 6 v. Bristol City 0

 16th Feb.
 Nelson 0 v. Bury 5

 12th April
 Bury 5 v. Sheffield Wednesday 0

 26th April
 Bury 5 v. Coventry City 0

 Best Four League Attendances

 8th Sept.
 21,922 v. Manchester United

 15th March
 21,882 v. Stoke City

 18th April
 19,330 v. Barnsley

 1st Jan.
 15,576 v. Bradford City

Appearances: Adamson 15, Aitken 1, Amos 42, Ball 32, Bradshaw 31, Brooks 22, Bulfock 24, Burkinshaw 11, Butler 20, Callagher 10, Finney 1, Heap 42, Matthews 10, Porter 42, Richardson 42, Robbie 27, Smith 27, Stage 31, Stevenson 2, Ward 19, Woodhouse 11.

Goals: Amos 6, Ball 15, Bradshaw 1, Bullock 9, Burkinshaw 3, Butler 13, Matthews 2, Porter 2, Robbie 5, Stage 4, Woodhouse 3.

#### BITS 'N' PIECES

#### SHAKER'S DIARY - MAY 1991

May 1. Ronnie Mauge appeals for fans to turn up for Saturday's game against Southerd. "The supporters who watch us every week give us great backing. I don't know what the rest of Bury think about their football teem but we really do need their support badly," states Ronnie.

May 2. Mike Walsh finally admits that he's starting to look at results elsehwere. Preston draw at Bournemouth, which means Bury have to win one of

their final two games to claim a play-off place.
May 3. Only back injury victim Alan Knill is unfit as Mike Walsh chooses his squad for tomorrow's clash against leaders Southend. An unchanged

May 4. Southend's promotion party arrives at Gigg Lane and a 1-0 Shrimpers win takes the club into Division Two for the first time ever. For Bury, the play-offs look a long way off now but Mike Walsh defiantly warns, "Don't write us off," despite the team taking two from the last 12 points on offer. May 9. The manager delays naming his team for the visit to Tranmere on Saturday. There could be changes.

May 10. The Shakers receive a £10,000 grant from timber merchants Jewson to help re-develop part of Gigg Lane. Stateen players travel to Prenton

May 11. Mike Walsh gives a full League debut to loan man Mike Sheron and the striker responds with the winning goal against Transmere, which gets Bury into the play-offs. Earlier Cooper had given Rovers the lead and Charlie Bishop had equalised through a long-range shot. Bury learn that Bolton are to be their play-off opponents.

May 13. The Reserve Team lifts the Midland Senior League Championship after a 1-0 win against Rochdale.

May 15. Tickets go on sale for the all-ticket self-out tie against Bolton.

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Firstly, I'm sure like all our supporters I would like to congratulate our Manager Mike Walsh and his players in reaching the Play-offs with that great victory at Tranmere last Saturday. The Community Programme took with us thirty youngsters last week who, because of the victory, made it a special day out for all concerned. The 90/91 season has seen Football in the Community at Bury F.C. go from strength to strength and this is due to the great help and assistance I have received from the Manager Mike Walsh and his assistant Jack Chapman who have always made the pitch available at half-time for young children from all clubs to take part in our shoot-outs. I am hoping that we can put on another one today to keep the supporters in good voice throughout the half-time interval. I must not forget to thank our groundsmen Gordon Horrocks and Mike Curtis who have to put up with me in putting on the half-time entertainment at Bury F.C. The pitch is superband puts many First Division pitches to shame and this is due to the hard work they put in keeping it to its high class standard.

I am very grateful to the Chairman and his Directors for giving me the chance to hand out free tickets to school children for our Fulham game, not everything went to plan that day but at least it proves that Mr. Robinson and his Directors are looking to bring the family atmosphere into the club.

Congratulations should also be given to our Reserves, who on Monday clinched the Midland League Championship with a 1-0 victory over Rochdale. A lot of the apprentices have been involved throughout the season which proves youth is on its way back through the club.

Our youngest champions representing Bury are the Guardian Angels Primary who became the National Indoor Soccer Six Champions at G-Mex last year. We are very proud of them.

Our girls have finished runners-up in their first season in the North West Womens' League and also have reached the Cup Final soon to be played at Preston. Let's hope they can finish the season on a high note. The club itself has jus won an award from the Football League for work to be done on the ground for its Family initiatives which hopefully will be under way quite soon.

Hope you enjoy today's game, Bury and Bolton are local rivals but its important that today we show the football press how good both sets of supporters are in keeping the family atmosphere.

P.S. Bury F.C. Community Programme now run a Soccer School at Castlebrook High on Monday evenings—please ring 797-5423 for further details.

The Play-offs were introduced in 1986/97 for both promotion and relegation issues but this was amended last season to accommodate only promotion matters.

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		Wigan 2 Swindon 3	(6,718)	Swindon 2 Gillingham 1	14,382
		Swindon 0 Wigan 0	(12,485)	Swindon 2 Gillingham 0	18,491
1986/87	RELEGATION	Aldershot 1 Bolton 0	(4,164)		
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		Cochester O Wolves 2	(4,829)	Wolves 0 Aldershot 1	19,962
		Wolves 0 Colchester 0	(16,330)		10,502
1987/88	PROMOTION	Bristol C. 1 Sheffield U. 0	(25,335)		
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		Walsall 1 Notts Co. 1	(8,901)	Walsall 4 Bristol C. 0	13,007
1987/88	RELEGATION	Swansea 1 Rotherham 0	(9,148)		
		Rotherham 1 Swansea 1	(5,568)	Swansea 2 Torquay 1	(10,825)
		Scunthorpe 1 Torquay 1	(6,482)	Torquay 3 Swansea 3	(4,999)
		Torquay 2 Scunthorpe 1	(4,602)		(4,555)
1988/89	PROMOTION	Bristol R. 1 Fulham 0	(9,029)		
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1989/90	PROMOTION	Bolton W. 1 Notts Co. 1	(15, 108)		
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		Bury 0 Tranmere 0	(7,019)	(29,252 - at Wembley)	
		Tranmere 2 Bury 0	(10.343)		

#### TESTIMONIAL YEAR



Full Name: Wilf McGuinness. Birthplace: Manchester. Birthdate: 25th Oct. 1937.

Signed Apprentice: 11.6.53 (Man. utd.). Signed Professional: 1.11.54 (Man. Utd.). League debut: 8.10.55. Man. Utd. 4 Wolves

Total League Apps: 81. Goals: 2. Honours: F.A. Youth Cup Winner '54, '55, '56. League Championship medal 1957. England Caps: Schoolboy (5 Caps), Youth (6 Caps), U23 (4 Caps), Full Int'ls (2 Caps). England debut: 4.10.58. England 3 v. Northern Ireland 3 (at Windsor Park). Managerial Career: Youth/Reserve Team Coach Man. utd, 1961-69.

England Youth Team Manager 1968-69. Manager - Manchester United 1969-70.

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Manager - York City, 1975-77. Jordanian Team Coach, 1978. Coach - Hull City, 1978-79.

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# We've Met Before

by IAN McPHERSON

#### **BURY v. BOLTON WANDERERS**

Division Two - 2nd October 1964

This Friday evening game was the first League match between these local rivals for nearly 30 years. Their previous League meeting was in fact back in January 1935 when goals from Wally Amos and Joe Patrick gave Bury a 2-1 win at Gigg lane.

Bury were parading their new signing, 28 years-old ex-Wanderer Ray Parry, signed that morning from Blackpool in a £6,000 deal. In Parry's last appearance on the ground he had scored for Bolton in the famous F.A. Cup 3rd Round tie in 1960. The home side were without the services of Brian Turner, who had a dislocated shoulder and his place was taken by Vinnie Leech.

Bolton also had a key player missing. Centre forward Wyn Davies had been withdrawn to play for Wales the following day against Scotland. Three of the Wanderers' side would eventually play for Bury but all via different clubs. John Hulme from Reading in July 1974, Dave Hatton from Blackpool in August 1976 and Gordon Taylor from Blackburn in June 1978.

The full teams were:

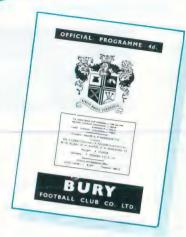
Bury: Harker, Gallagher, Eastham, Leech, Bunner, Atherton, Claxton, Griffin, Alston, Bell, Parry. Bolton: Hopkinson, Hartle, Farrimond, Rimmer, Hulme, Hatton, Lee, Hill, Redrobe, Bromley, Taylor. The referee was S. B. Stoakes of Mansfield.

The biggest problem for the majority of the spectators was actually getting into the ground. There were massive queues outside and it was twenty minutes after the kick-off before I managed to get through the turnstiles. The gates were locked soon after with many people still outside and 23,321 inside. My arrival on the terraces at the Cemetery End coincided with Bury taking the lead at that end. Billy Griffin's cross was cleared out to Gordon Atherton and he flighted the ball into the goalmouth where Alex Alston beat keeper Eddie Hopkinson to the ball and glided a header into the net. There was a suspicion of offside, but the linesman's flag stayed down.

The first action of new signing Parry that I saw came six minutes later. Griffin's crossfield pass to the left wing was a poor one and Parry had to go back to receive it. Having got possession he moved inside and was about 25 yards out when he looked up and with the Bolton defence standing off him, expecting him to pass the ball, he hammered a left foot shot of immense power that flew into the far top corner of the net with Hopkinson a mere spectator. Never has a new player made such an immediate favourable impact on me. Bolton tried to get into the game but Leech was doing an excellent man to man job on schemer Freddie Hill which stunted their creativity. Sid Farrimond did manage to send 19 years-old winger Taylor through but his shot struck the bar and bounced away. Home centre-half Harry Bunner was pulled up for a rugby tackle on Redrobe but from the free kick Taylor screwed his shot wide.

Two minutes into the second half Bury should have got a third goal when Colin Bell's shot was charged down leaving Alston with only the keeper to beat, but he missed the target. Five minutes later Bury won a free kick some thirty yards out directly in front of goal. Parry stepped up and hammered the ball and then watched as it screamed into the top corner of Hopkinson's net. The celebrations of the home fans though were soon halted as the referee disallowed the goal claiming he had given an indirect free-kick.

Bolton right winger Francis Lee was booked for a foul on Leech who required treatment. This seemed to give Hill the chance to get away from his marker and Bolton had their best spell of the game but were unable to break down a resolute defence. With just ten minutes remaining Taylor raced past Brian Gallagher as he entered the penalty area the full back got in a tackle that sent Taylor crashing to the floor. The referee awarded what was in fact a dubious penalty and though Chris Harker got his hands to the ball he could not keep it out. There was plenty of pressure in the final minutes from Bolton to try and save the game but Bury, with man of the match Atherton still chasing hard right up to the whistle, held on for a 2-1 win.





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#### BECOME A PARTNER IN YOUR TOWN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Bury Football Club realises that to move forward we need to have greater appeal to the town of Bury and its surrounding districts.

We want to give you a chance to be involved with the premier sports organisation in the town.

#### WE WANT YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER

This new scheme will provide an identity with the club and open opportunities to be provided by the club. The benefits to the club will be immediate and point the way forward to our plans and progress through the nineties.

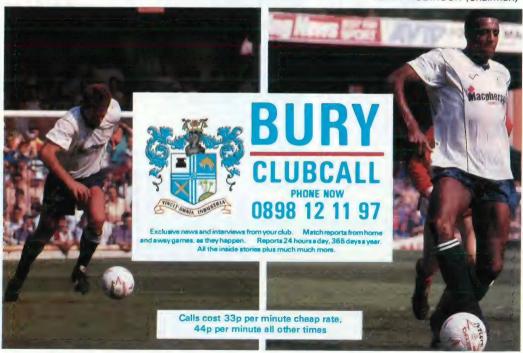
Without the town's support and involvement the well documented problems will make our future more difficult. This new concept wants to give everybody a chance to show that the town wants the club to progress. We call on all people albeit regular supporters; old supporters; parents; grandparents; children; sponsors; advertisers and shareholders.

GIVE THE CLUB A CHANCE — BECOME A MEMBER
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Liam Robinson and Peter Valentine are in attendance as Southend's keeper Sansome and defender Locke make hard work of clearing a cross.



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#### BURY

- Gary Kelly
   144 League app's for PNE. Newcastle and Bury.
- 2. Charlie Bishop Second goal of season last weekend.
- 3. Roger Stanislaus Faultless performance in 2-1 Tranmere win.
- 4. Liam Robinson Positional switch for Liam last Saturday.
- 5. Peter Valentine Skipper has missed just four games in 1990-91.
- 6. Colin Greenall Experienced "Col" has 340 app's behind him.
- 7. David Lee Looking to "do the business" today
- 8. Mike Sheron Match-winner on full debut last Saturday.
- 9. Kevin Hulme Gave his shirt away after win at Tranmere!
- 10. Phil Parkinson First dismissal of senior career last Saturday.
- 11. Mark Kearney Mark's old club, Mansfield, now in Div. Four.

#### **BOLTON WANDERERS**

- 1. David Felgate Exactly 500 League app's for Weishman.
- 2. Phil Brown 45 app's in 1990-91 for highly-rated Captain.
- 3. Barry Cowdrill 34-year-old former W.B.A. defender.
- 4. Paul Comstive
- Midfielder has played for four Lancs. clubs. 5. Mark Seagraves Big money signing from Man. C. in Sept.
- 6. Alan Stubbs Teenager has made his mark this season.
- 7. Stewart Storer 24-year-old former Everton man.
- 8. Steve Thompson 333 Bolton app's for former apprentice.
- 9. Tony Cunningham Four goals in nine app's since move from Bury.
- 10. Tony Philliskirk Top scorer - 26 League and Cup goals.
- 11. Julian Darby Home-grown midfielder has had super season.

Referee: Linesmen:

Mr. P. Don

G. T. Pearson L. L. Watson



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